NOTICE OF CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR THE PROPOSED U.S. 70 KINSTON BYPASS

TIP Project No. R-2553

Lenoir, Craven, and Jones Counties

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has <u>rescheduled</u> the two (2) Citizens Informational Workshops for the above mentioned highway project, originally scheduled for late August but cancelled due to Hurricane Irene, to the following times and locations:

- Tuesday, September 20th, 2011: 4:00 7:00 p.m., Kinston High School Cafeteria, 2601 N. Queen Street, Kinston, NC 28501
- Thursday, September 22nd, 2011: 4:00 7:00 p.m., Public Services Complex – Large Training Room, 2360 US Highway 258 South, Kinston, NC 28504

Interested individuals may attend this informal workshop any time during the above hours. NCDOT representatives will display maps and be available to answer questions and receive comments. Comments and information received will be taken into consideration as work on the project develops. Please note that there will not be a formal presentation.

NCDOT proposes to construct a new multi-lane highway which will provide two travel lanes for each direction separated by a median. Access to this new highway will be allowed to the main roads by intersections or interchanges. Alternatives currently being considered will limit direct property access to this new highway. This highway is proposed to run from U.S. 70 near LaGrange in Lenoir County to U.S. 70 near Dover in Craven County. Additional right-of-way acquisition and the relocation of homes and businesses will be required for this project.

The purpose of the project is to improve regional mobility, connectivity, and capacity for U.S. 70 between LaGrange and Dover in a manner that meets the intent of the North Carolina Strategic Highway Corridors Plan.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Mark Pierce, Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch at 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1548, phone (919) 707-6035, fax (919) 250-4224 or via email: mspierce@ncdot.gov. Citizens may also contact consultant Chris Werner of URS Corporation at (919) 461-1470 or via email: christopher_werner@urscorp.com.

You may also visit the project web site for information at: http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/kinstonbypass/. You may also call the project hotline at 1.800.233.6315.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Pierce as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.